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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) All the eighteen Rural Welfare Officers have been absorbed in the National Extension Service Scheme.

" (b) Before absorption under the National Extension Service, their scale of pay was Rs. 150—5—200. Eight of the Rural Welfare Officers were absorbed as Social Education Organizers in the scale of Rs. 90—3—120—5—200 and the remaining ten as Block Development Officers (Gazetted) in the scale of Rs. 230—20/2—310—30/2—400."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know how many of them are women? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am afraid none of them is a woman."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall take ten more minutes and finish the rest of the questions."

Deaths due to electric shock in the Electricity department.

12 noon. * 1147 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of deaths of employees in the Electricity department due to the electric shock during the last three years; and

(b) the compensation, or other relief, if any, granted in those cases?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Twenty-six.

" (b) Compensation was given in all the 26 cases and the total amount of compensation paid was Rs. 41,010."

Alleged missing of a child from the Government Hospital, Tiruvarur.

* 1148 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the circumstances under which a four-day old child was found missing late in the night on 18th March 1954, from its place in the maternity ward of the Government Hospital, Tiruvarur, and was found later lying dead outside the ward?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A four-day old female baby who was lying in between her mother and grandmother in the verandah of the Maternity ward of the Government Hospital, Tiruvarur, was found missing at about 3-15 a.m. on the 19th March 1954. Only a few minutes back the Maternity assistant of the hospital noticed the mother breast-feeding the baby. Immediately after the baby was found missing, a search was made and the baby was recovered alive